



Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

The following report reflects information contained in the Child Care Data System (CCDS) administered by the DESE Office of Childhood. Unless otherwise noted, data consists of un-duplicated counts of children and families participating in the subsidy program for the identified month.
Database as of October 3, 2025.

September 2025

SECTION 1: CHILD CARE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

	September 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Submitted	4,653	6.4%	14.3%
Approved	2,801	7.9%	12.5%
Rejected	1,555	9.2%	34.7%
Pending	1,487		
15 Days or Less	979		
More Than 15 Days	2,466		
Total Pending			

SECTION 2: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN APPROVED FOR SUBSIDY

		September 2025	August 2025	July 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Approved Households	Income	18,934	19,090	18,043	-0.8%	4.9%
	Protective Services	4,318	4,186	3,951	3.2%	9.3%
	Total	23,249	23,273	21,991	-0.1%	5.7%
Approved Children	Income	28,793	29,818	29,463	-3.4%	-2.3%
	Protective Services	6,787	7,007	6,948	-3.1%	-2.3%
	Total	35,556	36,790	36,365	-3.4%	-2.2%

SECTION 3: CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

Children Served	Income	21,570	20,739	20,964	4.0%	2.9%
	Protective Services	5,260	4,931	4,978	6.7%	5.7%
	Total	26,819	25,663	25,930	4.5%	3.4%
Payments	\$22,237,087		\$24,073,328	\$22,626,272	-7.6%	-1.7%
Average Payment Per Child	\$829		\$938	\$873	-11.6%	-5.0%

SECTION 4: TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE SUMMARY

	Level 1 (151-185% FPL)			Level 2 (186-215% FPL)			Level 3 (216-242% FPL)		
	September 2025	August 2025	July 2025	September 2025	August 2025	July 2025	September 2025	August 2025	July 2025
Approved Households	646	565	524	222	196	169	84	73	62
Children Served	980	891	897	296	276	255	100	89	85
Payments	\$708,123.24	\$714,867.82	\$655,470.99	\$205,929.70	\$211,778.78	\$178,027.57	\$60,119.31	\$66,504.97	\$61,416.50
Average Payment per Household	\$356	\$349	\$337	\$349	\$339	\$334	\$341	\$324	\$343
Average Payment per Child	\$329	\$329	\$324	\$358	\$360	\$360	\$389	\$367	\$373

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SECTION 5: CHILDREN SERVED BY AGE

Children Served September 2025		Payments September 2025
Under Age 1	1,186	\$1,795,322
AGE 1	2,859	\$4,415,942
AGE 2	3,754	\$3,745,451
AGE 3	4,137	\$3,272,325
AGE 4	4,030	\$3,081,151
AGE 5	3,050	\$1,826,765
AGE 6	2,020	\$1,075,665
AGE 7	1,534	\$771,706
AGE 8	1,251	\$644,323
AGE 9	1,044	\$538,887
AGE 10	835	\$427,291
AGE 11	547	\$297,760
AGE 12	369	\$210,906
AGE 13	164	\$104,994
Age 14 and Over	39	\$28,599
Total	26,819	\$22,237,087

SECTION 6: APPLICATIONS BY STATUS AND REGION

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Applications Received		Applications Approved	Applications Rejected	Percent Rejected	Total Resolved	15 Days or Less	More Than 15 Days	Percent Over 15 Da..
Cape Girardeau	379	188	125	19.3%	313	125	59	32.1%
Columbia	210	94	78	20.5%	172	70	52	42.6%
Jefferson City	185	118	101	23.7%	219	66	42	38.9%
Macon	100	47	49	25.3%	96	33	21	38.9%
Not Selected	1,347	1,056	242	10.0%	1,298	356	252	41.4%
Raytown	752	410	300	20.8%	710	278	169	37.8%
Springfield	375	202	169	23.3%	371	127	92	42.0%
St. Louis	1,305	686	491	21.1%	1,177	432	292	40.3%
Total	4,653	2,801	1,555	18.2%	4,356	1,487	979	39.7%

SECTION 7: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY REGION

September 2025

Region	Education	Employment	Homeless	Incapacitated Pare..	Job Search	Not Available	Protective Services	Special Need	Training	Grand Total
Cape Girardeau	172	1,614	46	7	344	64	715	27	14	2,711
Columbia	103	839	48	8	200	42	308	16	19	1,391
Jefferson City	96	930	29	12	253	49	455	12	13	1,680
Macon	47	437	7	0	85	16	201	10	4	729
Not Selected	895	5,941	162	26	1,527	509	2,059	90	160	9,299
Raytown	515	2,857	302	22	1,084	140	886	61	125	5,126
Springfield	205	1,594	68	8	403	58	700	38	19	2,767
St. Louis	956	5,500	469	60	1,746	339	1,046	123	172	8,873
Total	2,083	13,714	976	117	4,098	705	4,337	287	365	23,249

SECTION 8: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN

	Households			Children		
	September 2025	August 2025	July 2025	September 2025	August 2025	July 2025
Education	2,083	2,050	1,927	3,367	3,441	3,394
Employment	13,714	13,689	12,942	23,065	23,864	23,583
Homeless	976	972	911	1,315	1,311	1,228
Incapacitated Parent	117	118	115	178	185	178
Job Search	4,098	4,170	3,911	3,909	3,999	3,842
Not Available	705	727	709	1,409	1,504	1,633
Protective Services	4,337	4,205	3,971	6,824	7,044	6,987
Special Need	287	284	259	454	456	426
Training	365	367	359	596	625	617
Total	23,249	23,273	21,991	35,556	36,790	36,365

SECTION 9: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY RACE

	September 2025	August 2025	July 2025
African American (Black)	16,868	17,408	17,249
American/Alaskan Native	297	313	304
Asian	101	107	98
Caucasian (White)	13,210	13,741	13,539
Multi-Racial	3,837	3,941	3,882
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl..	53	59	58
Other	563	585	595
Prefer not to answer	650	669	663
Unknown	0	1	3
Total	35,556	36,790	36,365

SECTION 10: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY ETHNICITY

	September 2025	August 2025	July 2025
Hispanic	5.9%	5.8%	5.8%
Non-Hispanic	90.9%	90.9%	90.8%
Prefer not to answer	3.3%	3.4%	3.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



SECTION 11: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME

September 2025

*excludes Protective Services households

Household Size	Approved Households	% of Total Households Last Month along Table (Down)	Average Household Monthly Income
0	0	0.0%	\$2,329
1	326	1.4%	\$54
2	6,949	29.9%	\$942
3	7,582	32.6%	\$1,181
4	5,472	23.5%	\$1,344
5	2,939	12.6%	\$1,424
6	1,408	6.1%	\$1,355
7 or More	1,044	4.5%	\$1,284
Total	23,249	100.0%	\$1,066

SECTION 12: CHILDREN SERVED AND AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CHILD BY FACILITY

Provider Type	Provider Facility Type	September 2025			August 2025			July 2025		
		Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..	Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..	Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..
Exempt	Exempt Program	542	\$293,150.90	\$541	415	\$312,270.92	\$752	423	\$227,574.07	\$538
	Six or Fewer	1,142	\$610,494.94	\$535	1,112	\$610,011.02	\$549	1,098	\$575,633.25	\$524
License Exempt	Religious Organization/ Nursery School	1,899	\$1,205,186.36	\$635	1,799	\$1,291,853.38	\$718	1,811	\$1,212,413.30	\$669
Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	22,038	\$19,255,196.28	\$874	21,054	\$20,855,388.64	\$991	21,356	\$19,745,632.16	\$925
	Licensed Family Child Care Home	896	\$608,959.10	\$680	882	\$718,227.88	\$814	844	\$598,262.67	\$709
	Licensed Group Child Care Home	509	\$263,226.43	\$517	495	\$285,113.92	\$576	477	\$264,822.31	\$555
Total		26,819	\$22,236,214.01	\$829	25,663	\$24,072,865.76	\$938	25,929	\$22,624,337.76	\$873

SECTION 13: PAID AND CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

*Includes contracted providers and providers in the process of renewing their contract.

Contracted Providers	Exempt	Exempt Program	202	200	199
		Six or Fewer	686	680	672
	Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	1,375	1,366	1,352
		Licensed Family Child Care Home	243	243	241
		Licensed Group Child Care Home	65	65	65
	Licensed Exempt	Religious Organization/Nursery School	125	124	124
Total			2,696	2,678	2,653

SECTION 14: CHILDREN RECEIVING OTHER STATE ASSISTANCE

	September 2025	August 2025	July 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP)	2,341	2,205	2,186	6.2%	7.1%
Low Income Housing	2,235	2,219	2,187	0.7%	2.2%
Medicaid	16,171	15,498	15,629	4.3%	3.5%
Food Stamps (SNAP)	15,926	15,361	15,618	3.7%	2.0%
Temporary Assistance (TANF)	697	683	695	2.0%	0.3%
Total	19,343	18,574	18,836	4.1%	2.7%